

PRESS RELEASE

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MCMILLEN ENGINEERING HOSTS RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE WORKSHOP

McMillen Engineering, Inc. hosted a workshop on February 27, 2019 at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus for local professionals to learn about recent international residential building code changes. The workshop was presented by Mr. David Buskirk and Mr. Rodney Sarver of the Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy (PCCA) and the Pennsylvania Housing Research Center (PHRC) to review and discuss the changes that took effect on October 1, 2018.

The PCCA provides professional development, certification and continuing education training to code officials through these types of sessions. Mr. Buskirk has more than twenty years of experience as a code official and has been working for the PCCA and the PHRC as lead instructor and developer of Uniform Construction Code courses for the past six years. He is certified as a Building Plans Examiner, Building Inspector, Residential Plumbing Inspector, Residential Mechanical Inspector, Accessibility Specialist and Building Code Official.

Mr. Rodney Sarver has been an instructor with the PHRC for the past three years. He has taught Comprehensive International Residential Code (IRC) training for Code Officials, PA's New Energy Requirements for Code Officials and Comprehensive IRC training for general audience.

The PHRC conducts applied research to serve the home building industry and Pennsylvania residents by improving the quality and affordability of housing. Mr. Buskirk emphasized the importance of safety throughout the workshop. "It's crucial for code inspectors to understand and enforce these guidelines in order to ensure the safety of residents," said Mr. Buskirk.

Education plays a significant role in the values at McMillen Engineering, Inc. Terry McMillen, Sr., President and Principal Engineer, stated, "We view hosting these workshops as a way of giving back to our profession. It's a chance for us to provide resources to our colleagues and business partners to help them in their vocation."

This workshop follows two previous professional development sessions – one regarding ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys; the other, National Electrical Code Changes - hosted by McMillen Engineering, Inc. last year. "There's been a high level of interest in these sessions and we've received advantageous feedback from the attendees. We plan to offer more of these types of events in the future," added Terry McMillen, Sr.

McMillen Engineering is a full-service civil engineering and land surveying firm located in the Fayette County Business Park in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. For more information visit mcmilleng.com.

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